



ORCHARD VALLEY UNITED CHURCH

130 Cornwallis Ave., New Minas, NS B4N 3M7



ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, October 19th, 2025, 10:00 am

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Music as We Gather

Gathering

* Congregational Introit:

"Lord, Prepare Me to Be a Sanctuary" MV #18

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary,
pure and holy tried and true;
with thanksgiving,
I'll be a living sanctuary for you.

Recognition of the Land

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting of the Christ, Outreach and Affirming Candles

Response: "We Are a Rainbow" vs. 1 & refrain

We're the light of all the world,
We are a city on a hill,
We're a candle on a stand proclaiming light.
We will not hide our lamp, beneath a bushel anymore.
We will shine a ray of hope that's burning bright.
We are a rainbow, sign of covenant and peace
For the flood of tears will fin'ly cease to be.

Come shine your rainbow, splash your hues across the sky,
Paint the world in colours proud and bold and free.

Centring Music

May the peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

***Call to Worship:**

We have gathered to worship.

**We have come seeking comfort, inspiration,
community, and insight.**

We have come to open ourselves to the power of God's presence in our midst.

**We have come to offer up the changes and turning
in our lives, and to ask God's help in our learning
and our growing.**

Opening Prayer

Listening

Learning with our Children

The Lord's Prayer

*** Hymn:** "Come to My Heart" VU #661

Come to my heart, Lord Jesus;
teach me to walk in your way.
Come to my heart, Lord Jesus;
come to my heart today.
Give me the peace and joy

that only you can bring.
Come to my heart, Lord Jesus;
give me a song to sing.

Fill me with love, Lord Jesus;
teach me to walk in your way.
Fill me with love, Lord Jesus;
fill me with love today.
Give me the peace and joy
that only you can bring.
Fill me with love, Lord Jesus;
give me a song to sing.

Answer my prayer, Lord Jesus;
teach me to walk in your way.
Answer my prayer, Lord Jesus;
Answer my prayer today.
Give me the peace and joy
that only you can bring.
Answer my prayer, Lord Jesus;
give me a song to sing.

Scripture:

Deuteronomy 5:12-14

Selected Verses from Matthew, Mark, and Luke:

**Matthew 14:23, Mark 1:35, Mark 3:13, Luke 5:15-16,
Luke 6:12-13**

The Word of God for the People of God.
Thanks be to God.

Contemporary Reading: “Pause Now” by Nick Leforce

Anthem: **“Be Still”** J.L. Lewis
 Offered by Orchard Valley United Church Choir

Message: **“The Practice of Pausing”**
 Rev. Gloria Churchill

***Hymn:** **“I Can Feel You Near Me God”** MV #48

I can feel you near me God
I can feel you near
Yes I know you're with me God
I feel you here
I can feel you near me God
I can feel you near
Yes I know you're with me God
Heaven is here.

Refrain:
And I'll jump for joy
I'm singing Alleluia
Jump for joy for you
I will jump for joy
I'm singing Alleluia
Jump for joy for you.

I can feel you loving me
Yes I know you care
God I know you're loving me
Always everywhere
I can feel you loving me
Yes I know you care
God I know you're loving me
I know you're there. **R**

Celebrating

Offering of Our Gifts

*** Offertory Hymn:**

“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow” VU #541

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures high and low;
give thanks to God in love made known:
Creator, Word and Spirit, One.

*** Offertory Prayer:**

Creator God, we give you ourselves and the gifts of our hands. Use us to spread your love and compassion. Use us to bring about justice. Use us to bless and nurture your creation. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

***Intro to Prayer:** “Don’t Be Afraid” MV #90

Don’t be afraid. My love is stronger,
my love is stronger than your fear.
Don’t be afraid. My love is stronger and I have promised,
promised to be always near. ***Repeat***

Prayers of the People

*** Hymn:** “I Am Walking a Path of Peace” MV #221

I am walking a path of peace,
I am walking a path of peace,
I am walking a path of peace,
lead me home, lead me home.

I am walking a path of love,
I am walking a path of love,
I am walking a path of love,
lead me home, lead me home.

I am walking a path of hope,
I am walking a path of hope,
I am walking a path of hope,
lead me home, lead me home.

I am walking a path of joy,
I am walking a path of joy,
I am walking a path of joy,
lead me home, lead me home.

I am walking a path with heart,
I am walking a path with heart,
I am walking a path with heart,
lead me home, lead me home.

Commissioning

Extinguishing the Candles

*** Sung Benediction:** “Threefold Amen”

VU #967

Postlude